



House of Representatives

General Assembly

File No. 129

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Substitute House Bill No. 7100

House of Representatives, March 22, 2017

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through REP. HENNESSY of the 127th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AMERICAN LEGION STATE FUND COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Records of the American
- 2 Legion related to the administration of the Soldiers, Sailors and
- 3 Marines Fund, as described in sections 27-138 to 27-140, inclusive, of
- 4 the general statutes, shall be subject to disclosure under the Freedom
- 5 of Information Act, as defined in section 1-200 of the general statutes.
- 6 (b) The Treasurer, as custodian and trustee of the Soldiers, Sailors
- 7 and Marines Fund under section 27-138 of the general statutes, may
- 8 access any such record and shall be the public agency for purposes of
- 9 any request made for any such record pursuant to the Freedom of
- 10 Information Act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

Section 1(b) was rewritten for clarity.

VA *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which requires that the records of the American Legion related to the administration of the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund be subject to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 7100****AN ACT CONCERNING AMERICAN LEGION STATE FUND COMMISSION TRANSPARENCY.****SUMMARY**

This bill subjects records related to the administration of the Soldiers', Sailors' and Marines' Fund (SSMF) to disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Under the bill, the state treasurer, as the SSMF custodian and trustee, is entitled to receive a copy of these fund administration records. Any request to inspect or copy these records must be made to the treasurer according to FOIA. Anyone denied the right to inspect or copy such record can appeal the decision to the Freedom of Information Commission.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

BACKGROUND**SSMF**

The SSMF is a trust fund invested by the state treasurer that uses the interest from its investment to provide temporary benefits, such as food, clothing, medical, surgical, and funeral assistance, to eligible wartime veterans and their dependents or surviving dependents.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/02/2017)